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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Office of the Commander

Dear Incoming Geronimo Officer:

Welcome to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, the 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), and Fort Richardson, Alaska!

I know you will find your assignment to the Geronimo Battalion a challenging and rewarding one. You will also find the post and Anchorage communities friendly and supportive.

The 1-501st PIR is part of the 172nd SIB, which is commanded by COL David Flanigan. The Battalion Commander is LTC Christian Kammermann. You will find that the Geronimo Battalion lineage is long and prestigious. The 1-501st PIR serves as the oldest Airborne Battalion in the Army and as part of the largest Separate Infantry Brigade in the US Arsenal.

So you can see, the 1-501st PIR is not only known for its historical actions, but it is currently the only Airborne Battalion in the Pacific theatre. In fact, we soon will assume the IEF mission and become the Initial Entry Force for the US Army Pacific.

The Fort Richardson/Elmendorf AFB communities are super posts with first-class facilities including a modern Joint Military Mall and a Joint Commissary, hospital, thirty-six holes of golf, two fitness centers and a new community center. I know you will enjoy the post, as well as the state's largest city, Anchorage.

Should you need additional information concerning the 1-501st PIR, I recommend that you continue to view the links to the [172nd SIB](#) and [USARAK](#). Then contact your sponsor or the 1-501st S-1, at DSN (317) 384-0779, COMM (907) 384-0779, or email [1501OFFSPONSOR](#).

Sincerely,

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